

I was proud to officiate the CT Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony where Bethany residents Constance L. Royster and Marsha Royster accepted the CT Hall of Fame Trophy on behalf of their late aunt, Constance Baker Motley, a civil rights activist, lawyer and judge.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE for BETHANY

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Improving Motorist Safety at the Route 67/63 Junction

Many Bethany residents have contacted me about the hazards they face when turning at the junction of Routes 67 and 63. They strongly support the installation of a traffic light in order to improve the safety of the area. I am, therefore, pleased to report that the Department of Transportation will proceed with its plan to install a traffic light in the area.

Opposing Cuts to Resident State Trooper Funding

I will work with my colleagues to restore the proposed cut to the Resident State Trooper program. Requiring Bethany to pay the entire cost of this program will impose a significant tax burden on its residents.



Congratulations to Westville Kosher Market's owners Rachel and Yuval Hamenachem of Bethany for the 30 years of service the market has provided to the regional Jewish Community.

Addressing Mental Health Issues

One of the reasons children do not receive timely care is that some health insurance companies fail to cover critical components of that care, according to the parents and practitioners who have contacted me. That is why, as Chairman of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, I have proposed legislation that would require health insurance companies to cover the following services:

- Behavioral health assessments
- Consultation and collaboration among practitioners
- Consultations between practitioners and family

Fighting Rising Electric Rates

The outrageous rate hike recently granted to Eversource (formerly CL&P) is unaffordable for many people on fixed or limited incomes and undermines the conservation measures that many residents in Bethany have pursued. I therefore have co-sponsored legislation that addresses proposed rate requests and also addresses the unfair practices of some alternative electric suppliers:

- Require additional public comment on proposed changes in electric rates
- Provide savings for conservation measures undertaken by reducing, capping or eliminating fixed charges
- Ban variable rates charged to residential customers for electric generation services

Protecting Your Privacy

In response to the data breach at Anthem, one of Connecticut's largest health insurers, I have proposed legislation that would require insurance companies operating in Connecticut to encrypt all personal information records stored and transmitted by the companies.